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**PATENT**

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For: DRY POWDER INHALER EXCIPIENT, PROCESS FOR ITS PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING IT

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 3, 2003, in the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows.